

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Dance Drama
Play: "Shunno E Bukey"
Troupe: Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 27
Time: 7pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Indian Princes and Parisian Jewellers
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 24-November 5
Time: 10am-12pm, 5-8.30pm



41st Anniversary of Udichi

Organiser: Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi
Venue: TSC Auditorium, University of Dhaka
Date: October 29
Time: 4pm



Film Screening

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society & Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 25-30
Time: 5pm onwards
Today: 'Ponette' & 'Hate'



Abbasuddin Ahmed: Blazing a trail for Bengali Muslim artistes



Abbasuddin Ahmed

Today marks the 107th birth anniversary of legendary folk singer Abbasuddin Ahmed (October 27, 1901-December 30, 1959). He was born at Balarampur in Tufanganj subdivision in the district of Cooch Behar, now in West Bengal. His father, Zafar Ali Ahmed, was a lawyer at the Tufanganj Subdivisional Court.

Abbasuddin's interest in music grew through attendance at cultural functions at school and college. He was self-taught, except for a brief period when he

trained under Ustad Jamiruddin Khan in Calcutta (now Kolkata) and Ustad Kader Buksh in Murshidabad. He sang different types of songs such as folk, *adhunik*, patriotic and Islamic. But Abbasuddin became renowned mainly as a singer of folk songs.

Initially, he became famous for his renditions of *bhauaiya* and *charka* songs. He became increasingly popular with his *jaari*, *shari*, *bhatiyali*, *murshidi*, *bichchedi*, *marisiya* and *pala gaan*, especially when these were made into gramophone

records. No other singer could surpass his emotional, full-throated rendition of folk songs.

The fact that the virtuoso artiste played a key role in popularising Islamic songs in Bangla is often overlooked. "Ramzan-er oi rozar sheshey elo khushir Eid," a song that has become the unofficial harbinger of Eid-ul-Fitr, was originally recorded by Abbasuddin. This song, composed by Kazi Nazrul Islam, brought about a cultural renaissance among Bengali Muslims.

According to Ferdousi Rahman, daughter of Abbasuddin and a renowned artiste: "In those days Abba was singing in Kolkata with HMV; he had also done various songs of Nazrul by that time. He wished to sing Islamic songs and told Nazrul about his desire to record Islamic songs like *qawwali*, which were very popular at the time. In those days conservative Muslims considered singing and even listening to music sacrilege. Bhagabati Babu, the rehearsal manager of Gramophone Company, was approached, but he angrily rejected the idea. At a suitable moment, Bhagabati was requested again and this time he gave his consent."

Nazrul composed the song within a matter of half an hour and taught Abbasuddin the song the very next day. The song became an instant hit and this marked the beginning of the era of Islamic songs in Bangla.

Abbasuddin stayed in Calcutta from 1931 to 1947. In 1947, after Partition, he joined the Department of Information and Broadcasting as an additional song organiser. He participated at the South East Asia Conference in Manila in 1955 and at the International Folk Music Conference in Germany in 1956.

Abbasuddin wrote an account of his life as a singer in "Amar Shilpi Jiban-er Katha" (1960). For his invaluable contribution to music he was posthumously honoured with the "Pride of Performance Award" in 1960, "Shilpakala Academy Award" in 1979 (posthumously) and "Swadhinata Dibas Puraskar" in 1981 (posthumously). Apart from Ferdousi, Abbasuddin's son Mustafa Zaman Abbasi and his granddaughter Nashid Kamal are also renowned singers.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Of glamour, politics and the ramp

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Forty plus? Never mind. It's not too late to make a debut on the ramp. That's what Bollywood actress-turned-politician Jaya Prada did when she walked the ramp at the Wills India Fashion Week here on October 24. According to the seasoned actress, glamour is as important in politics as on the ramp.

Draped in a printed dress with flowers in her hair, the 47-year-old actress displayed a designer creation as she gracefully walked down the ramp in a show-stopper event.

The Member of Parliament from Rampur constituency in Uttar Pradesh gushed about her debut as a model. "I'm feeling on top of the world now. But yes, I was nervous before walking on the ramp."

"As an actress, I have faced the camera so many times but you always feel nervous before the first shot," she said.

The outfit she wore had the theme "Go Green" and was aimed at welcoming the next edition of the Commonwealth Games to be held here in October 2010.

"The message we brought was that of Delhi going green during the Commonwealth Games.



Jaya Prada walks the ramp.

The collection of dress is inspired by nature," said designer Leena whose creation Jaya Prada wore. "Jaya Prada said she loved the attire and the hairdo that were designed for her.

Asked how she managed to take time off her busy schedule as a politician to

take part in the fashion show, Jaya Prada, who is a member of Samajwadi Party, said, "Contrary to popular perception, glamour is an important part of politics."

"I'm a politician but I'm also an actress and you do need glamour in politics," she said.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

On Air

ATN BANGLA

- 08:30 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai
- 09:10 Kandeey Amar Maa
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Jolkona
- 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
- 11:05 ASIAN City Vision 2020
- 12:15 Shomali Shadakalo
- 01:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music
- 02:30 Chhobir Manush
- 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhhkhhu Nai
- 03:45 Children's Programme: Aha Ki Anondo
- 04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shomali Din
- 05:15 Kandeey Amar Maa
- 05:20 Documentary Programme
- 06:15 Talk Show: Katha Mala
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Baaksho
- 08:40 Drama Serial: Tomato Ketchup
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Hothat Shimantey
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL 1

- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 08:40 Ajker Chakri
- 09:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Grameenphone Tritto Matra
- 11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shangaalp
- 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

ETV

- 02:30 Selected Programme
- 03:05 i Sports
- 03:20 Boi Ebong Boi
- 03:40 Cookery Show
- 04:10 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
- 04:30 Musical Programme
- 05:30 Talk Show: Shilpo Darpaan
- 05:50 Talk Show: Khola Akash
- 06:20 Robin Hood
- 06:45 Business Show
- 07:50 Talent Hunt: Channel i Shera Kontho'09

- 09:30 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Sukh Pakhi
- 11:30 Drama Serial
- 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

ETV

- 08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
- 09:55 Ekushey Business
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
- 03:30 Deho Tori
- 04:02 Tommy Mianr Recipe
- 04:30 Shomali Shadakalo
- 05:30 Sports Plus
- 07:50 Game Show: Bari Bari Jombhe khela
- 08:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Zahur Ali Zahuri
- 10:10 Talk Show: Golpo Sholpo Gaan

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- 08:30 Swasho Protidin

- 06:45 Frankly Speaking
- 08:15 Drama Serial: 1920
- 09:00 Glamour World
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon
- 12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

RTV

- 09:30 R Music
- 10:45 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Share Update
- 12:30 Cinema Ar Gaan
- 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:03 Protidin
- 06:45 Nari O Nokhyotro
- 07:30 Road To Democracy
- 09:25 Black Horse Rtv Golden Key
- 11:30 Very Filmly

BANGLAVISION

- 08:00 Shubho Shokaal
- 08:30 Drama Serial: Rupnagarer Koinya

- 09:45 Drama: Diba Ratri Khola Thakey
- 11:25 Good Night Raat Biraatey

DESH TV

- 12:15 Dur Path
- 04:00 Desh Janopod
- 04:30 Bazarey Notun
- 05:02 Cartoon
- 05:30 Bati Ghar
- 06:02 Eibar Jombey Khela
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Ichchhey Holo
- 10:30 Total Sports
- 11:45 Shoja Katha

CHANNEL 1

- 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
- 09:10 Events of the Day
- 10:30 Shuktara
- 11:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:30 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
- 04:00 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya

- 12:00 Most Daring
- 01:00 Koffee With Karan
- 02:00 Friends
- 02:30 Monk
- 03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
- 04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
- 05:00 7th Heaven
- 06:00 Lipstick Jungle
- 07:00 According To Jim
- 07:30 Psych
- 08:30 The Simpsons
- 09:00 Friends
- 09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 10:00 The King Of Queens
- 10:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
- 11:30 The Unit
- 12:30 Knight Rider

- 02:30 HARDtalk (r)
- 03:00 BBC World News
- 03:30 The Bottom Line (r)
- 04:00 World News Today
- 05:00 BBC World News
- 05:30 World Business Report
- 05:45 Sport Today
- 06:00 BBC World News
- 06:30 World Business Report
- 06:45 Sport Today
- 07:00 World News Today
- 08:00 BBC World News
- 08:30 Earth Report
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 09:30 HARDtalk (r)
- 10:00 World News Today Business Edition
- 10:45 Sport Today
- 11:00 BBC World News America

HBO

- 09:15 Art Heist
- 11:15 Boa Vs Python
- 01:00 Hollywood One On One 63
- 01:30 No Reservations
- 03:30 Message In A Bottle
- 06:15 The Trigger Effect
- 07:15 Boa Vs Python
- 10:00 Tmz 091
- 10:30 Troy

STAR MOVIES

- 08:30 Death At A Funeral
- 10:20 School Of Life
- 12:35 Sunshine
- 02:40 Home Alone
- 04:45 Get Shorty
- 06:45 Unzipped
- 08:30 Happy Texas
- 10:30 Hot Shots! Part Deux
- 12:25 The Terminator

ZEE STUDIO

- 09:30 A Lot Like Love
- 11:55 28 Days
- 2:40 Get shorty
- 03:10 Cassandra's Dream
- 05:10 Uptown Girls
- 07:30 Get shorty
- 08:00 Grosse Pointe Blank
- 10:30 Holy Man
- 01:00 Assassination of Richard Nixon



Ichchhe Holo
On Desh TV at 9:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Chitralekha Guha, Allen Shubhro Gomes

abc radio FM 89.2

- 09:00 Mulhorita Jiboney
- 12:30 Durun Dugurey
- 03:00 Durunlo Bilekley
- 05:00 Shoncha Tista
- 07:00 Shaje Maya
- 09:00 Raiser Akashy
- 11:00 Gogor Shesh Nei

Radio Foru 88.0 FM

- 07:30 Hello Dhaka
- 10:00 Morning Express
- 12:00 No Tension
- 04:00 Dhaka Calling
- 09:00 Knight Riders

Radio Today 89.6 FM

- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00 Muett Unlimited
- 01:00 Today's Adda
- 04:00 U Turn
- 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
- 11:00 RBC Bhor Gaan
- 12:00 Today's Happy Moments

TROY
On HBO at 10:30pm
Genre: History

08:55

- Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari
- 10:05 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free
- 11:00 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
- 11:30 Music Jam
- 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Japan Video Topic
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
- 03:10 Shangsukti Ei Shoptaho
- 03:45 Dhupchhaya
- 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
- 05:35 Apnar Jigyasha

09:00

- Drama Serial: Ronger Duniya
- 10:10 Sports Time
- 11:35 VISA Apnaar Agami
- 12:30 Housing Barta
- 01:30 Drama Serial: Kushum Kumari
- 02:40 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
- 03:20 Drama Serial: Rupnogorer Konya
- 04:05 Onno Alor Gaan
- 05:25 Orthonity Sanglap
- 06:15 Ebong Classer Balrey
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
- 09:05 Musical Programme: Shonchari

05:15

- Paddorag
- 06:00 Saanjh Bela
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
- 09:45 Events of the Day
- 11:00 Doctor's Voice

STAR WORLD

- 10:30 The Simpsons
- 11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 11:30 According To Jim

BBC WORLD

- 08:30 World Business Report
- 08:45 Sport Today
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